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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (currently amended). An adsorbent based gas delivery system comprising:

- (a) a storage and dispensing vessel having a gas outlet conduit and an interior section containing a solid-phase physical sorbent medium having physically sorptive affinity for a gas, said sorbent medium having said gas physically sorptively loaded on said sorbent medium; and
- (b) a purifier comprising at least one layer of purification media located in the interior section of said storage and dispensing vessel wherein said at least one layer of purification media is located adjacent to said gas outlet conduit of said vessel and is adapted to provide that any gas desorbed from said sorbent medium must pass through and contact said at least one layer of purification media prior to exiting said vessel through said outlet conduit.

2 (withdrawn). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 1, wherein the purification media is catalyst based.

3 (withdrawn). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 1, wherein the purification media is adsorbent based.

4 (withdrawn). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 1, wherein the purifier includes layers of both catalyst based and adsorbent based purification media.

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5 (original). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 1, wherein said purifier includes a purifier conduit, one end of said purifier conduit being sealingly attached to said gas outlet conduit of said vessel, and a second end of said purifier conduit open to said interior section of said vessel containing said solid-phase physical sorbent medium, said purifier conduit including said at least one layer of purification media disposed in said purifier conduit, whereby any desorbed gas withdrawn from said vessel must pass through said purifier conduit from said end of said purifier conduit open to said interior section containing said solid-phase physical sorbent medium through to said end of said purifier conduit sealingly attached to said gas outlet conduit.

6 (withdrawn). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 1, wherein said purifier includes at least one layer of purification media adjacent to and covering said gas outlet conduit of said vessel, wherein said at least one layer of purification media is disposed within said vessel and is adapted to provide that any desorbed gas passes from said interior section of said vessel through and makes contact with said at least one layer of purification media to reach said gas outlet conduit of said vessel.

7 (original). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 1, wherein said purifier includes a purifier conduit, one end of said purifier conduit being sealingly attached to said gas outlet conduit of said vessel, and a second end of said purifier conduit open to said interior section of said vessel containing said solid-phase physical sorbent medium, said purifier conduit including said at least one layer of purification media disposed in said purifier conduit, and

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wherein said purifier further includes at least one layer of purification media adjacent to and covering said second end of said purifier conduit, whereby any desorbed gas withdrawn from said vessel must first pass through and contact said at least one layer of purification media adjacent to said second end of said purifier conduit and then through said purifier conduit to reach said outlet conduit of said vessel.

8 (withdrawn). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 1, wherein said storage and dispensing vessel having a gas outlet conduit further includes a gas inlet conduit for supplying an inlet gas from an external source into said storage and dispensing vessel, said gas inlet conduit separate from said gas outlet conduit.

9 (withdrawn). The absorbent based gas delivery system of claim 8, wherein said gas inlet conduit is adapted to provide that said inlet gas does not pass through and contact said purification media.

10 (withdrawn). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 6, wherein said storage and dispensing vessel having a gas outlet conduit further includes a gas inlet conduit for supplying an inlet gas from an external source into said storage and dispensing vessel through a conduit extending through said at least one layer of purification media adjacent to and covering said gas outlet conduit, whereby said inlet gas entering said vessel through said gas inlet conduit does not pass through and contact said purification media.

11 (original). An adsorbent based gas delivery system comprising:

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- (a) a storage and dispensing vessel having a gas outlet conduit and an interior section containing a solid-phase physical sorbent medium having physically sorptive affinity for a gas, said sorbent medium having said gas physically sorptively loaded on said sorbent medium; and
- (b) a purifier comprising a purification media generally homogeneously mixed with said sorbent medium in the interior section of said storage and dispensing vessel such that substantially any gas desorbed from said sorbent medium must pass through and contact said purification media prior to exiting said vessel through said outlet conduit.

12 (currently amended). An adsorbent based gas delivery system comprising:

- (a) a storage and dispensing vessel having a gas outlet conduit and an interior section containing a solid-phase physical sorbent medium having physically sorptive affinity for a gas, said sorbent medium having said gas physically sorptively loaded on said sorbent medium;
- (b) a purifier comprising at least one layer of purification media located in the interior section of said storage and dispensing vessel wherein said at least one layer of purification media is located adjacent to said gas outlet conduit of said vessel and is adapted to provide that any gas desorbed from said sorbent medium must pass through said at least one layer of purification media prior to exiting said vessel through said outlet conduit; and

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(c) said storage and dispensing vessel having a gas inlet conduit for supplying said gas from an external source into said vessel, said gas inlet conduit separate from said gas outlet conduit.

13 (original). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 12, wherein said gas inlet conduit is adapted to provide that said inlet gas does not pass through said purifier.

14 (withdrawn). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 12, wherein the purification media is catalyst based.

15 (withdrawn). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 12, wherein the purification media is adsorbent based.

16 (withdrawn). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 12, wherein the purifier includes layers of both catalyst based and adsorbent based purification media.

17 (original). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 12, wherein said purifier includes a purifier conduit, one end of said purifier conduit being sealingly attached to said gas outlet conduit of said vessel, and a second end of said purifier conduit open to said interior section of said vessel containing said solid-phase physical sorbent medium, said purifier conduit including said at least one layer of purification media disposed in said purifier conduit, whereby any desorbed gas withdrawn from said vessel must pass through said purifier conduit from said

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end of said purifier conduit open to said interior section containing said solid-phase physical sorbent medium through to said end of said purifier conduit adjacent to said gas outlet conduit.

18 (withdrawn). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 12, wherein the purifier includes at least one layer of purification media adjacent to and covering said gas outlet conduit of said vessel, wherein said at least one layer of purification media is disposed within said vessel and is adapted to provide that any desorbed gas passes from said interior section of said vessel through and makes contact with said at least one layer of purification media to reach said outlet conduit of said vessel.

19 (original). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 12, wherein said purifier includes a purifier conduit, one end of said purifier conduit being sealingly attached to said gas outlet conduit of said vessel, and a second end of said purifier conduit open to said interior section of said vessel containing said solid-phase physical sorbent medium, said purifier conduit including said at least one layer of purification media disposed in said purifier conduit, and wherein said purifier further includes at least one layer of purification media adjacent to and covering said second end of said purifier conduit, whereby any desorbed gas withdrawn from said vessel must first pass through and contact said at least one layer of purification media adjacent to said second end of said purifier conduit and then through said purifier conduit to reach said outlet conduit of said vessel.

20 (withdrawn). The adsorbent based gas delivery system of claim 18, wherein said storage and dispensing vessel having a gas outlet conduit further includes a gas inlet conduit for

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supplying an inlet gas from an external source into said storage and dispensing vessel through a conduit extending through said at least one layer of purification media adjacent said gas outlet conduit, whereby said inlet gas entering said vessel through said gas inlet conduit does not pass through and contact said purifier.